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| . <u>R</u>  | EQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL   |
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| Sir:        |  |
|             | is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. the above-identified application.           |
| 1           | Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on                 |
| 2           | Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on                      |
| 3. <u>X</u> | Enclosed is/are  |
|             | X Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.   |
|             | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).   |
|             | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).  |
|             | PTO-1449   |
|             | Copies of IDS Citations  |
|             | X Other (identify): Petition For Extension Of Time (5 months), a check in the amount of \$2,160.00 |
| 4           | Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.   |
|             | A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.                                 |
|             | A verified statement to establish small entity status  |
|             | was previously filed and such status is still proper   |
|             | and desired.   |
| 5. <u>X</u> | A check in the amount of \$ 790.00 is enclosed.  |

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| 6. <u>X</u> | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. $03-3125$ .                             |
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|             | <pre>RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). X Other fees (identify): any other required fees.</pre> |
| 7. <u>x</u> | Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.  |

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Teng

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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